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SUBJECT: QADHAFI'S JUNE 11 SPEECH

1. (CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.)

2. WE INVITE THE ATTENTION OF THE DEPARTMENT AND ADDRESSEES TO THE FACT THAT IN THE LONG AND RAMBLING SPEECH WHICH QADHAFI DELIVERED MARKING THE FOURTEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CLOSING OF WHEELUS AIR FORCE BASE, AS CARRIED BY FBIS, A SIGNIFICANT DOSE OF HIS POISON WAS RESERVED FOR HIS NEIGHBORS IN NORTH AFRICA. WE FIND THIS TO BE A NOTABLE, AND PERHAPS OMINOUS, REFLECTION OF THE CURRENT STATE OF HIS THINKING.

3. QADHAFI SINGLED OUT TWO SPECIFIC TARGETS IN HIS ASSAULT:

--A REPORT OF THE U.S. CONGRESS WHICH, INTER ALIA, REFERRED TO TUNISIAN CONCERNS OVER LIBYAN INTENTIONS

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TOWARDS IT; AND

--QADHAFI'S CONCERNS OVER THE "JUDAIZATION" OF NORTH AFRICA, A CONCERN WHICH HE CLAIMS TO HAVE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF HIS FELLOW NORTH AFRICAN LEADERS (IN TUNISIA THERE IS AN ANCIENT JEWISH COMMUNITY OF SOME TWO THOUSAND IN THE SOUTH, MAINLY ON THE ISLAND OF DJERBA, BUT ALSO IN VILLAGES NEAR THE LIBYAN BORDER).

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4. QADHAFI'S ANGER APPEARS TO REFLECT HIS GROWING SENSE OF ISOLATION AND ESTRANGEMENT AS HE SURVEYS HIS IMMEDIATE SURROUNDINGS AND REFLECTS ON THE EVENTS OF EARLY MAY. THE SPEECH IS OBVIOUSLY INTENDED FOR DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION AS QADHAFI, FACED WITH AN INTERNAL CHALLENGE, SEEKS TO PORTRAY HIMSELF AS A VICTIM AND TO APPEAL TO ANTI-ISRAELI AND ANTI-SEMITIC SENTIMENTS. BUT HIS RANTING SERVES TO UNDERLINE THE CONTINUING CONCERN FELT IN TUNIS THAT HIS LASHINGS OUT MIGHT YET TAKE ON A MORE TANGIBLE, AND DANGEROUS, FORM.

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5. ON THE BRIGHT SIDE, WE NOTE THAT, ON JUNE 12 LIBYA ANNOUNCED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A "BUREAU FOR COMBATTING INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM." QADHAFI HAS OBVIOUSLY NOT LOST HIS SENSE OF HUMOR. ANDERSON

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